Request for Additional Allocation of Palmolein

2146. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has sought the allocation of additional Palmolein Oil;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether additional quantity of Palmolein has been sanctioned for Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DEPTT. OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM) (SHRI VENOD SHARMA): (a) and (b) Government of Andhra Pradesh has sought enhanced monthly allocation of 20,000 MT of imported palmolein for the PDS w.e.f. November, 1995 as against its calier demand of 10,400 MT per month.

(c) and (d) Import of the entire authorised quantity of edible oil for PDS during the current year i.e. 1995 has since been completed and no stocks are available for supply to Andhra Pradesh. Monthly allocation of imported palmolein to the state will be resumed on arrival of fresh imported stocks. The quantum of edible oil allocation to Andhra Pradesh will be determined by factors like total improts of edible oil for PDS and inter-se requirements of Staes/UTs.

Job Opportunities Under the New Economic Reforms

2147. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) how many jobs had been created during the financial year under the new economic reforms; and

(b) what is the target of waiting jobs for the ensuing financial year under the new economic reforms?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI G. VENKATSWAMY): (a) and (b) No estimate of the jobs created through the new economic reforms have been made. However, it may be mentioned that additional employment opportunities of the order of 18.78 million are estimated to have been created in the economy during the first three years of the Eighth Plan.

Deferred payment Agreement with Iraq

2148. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Deferred Payment Agreement (DPA) entered with Iraq in 1983; and

(b) the steps taken to realise the outstanding amount from Iraq through import of oil?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Government of India and the Government of Iraq signed annual Deferred Payment Agreements between 1983 and 1990. These Agreements allowed Iraq to make delayed payments as per agreed schedules, instead of on cash terms as originally contracted, for the works executed in Iraq by Indian companies, the payments being effected by adjusting against oil purchases from Iraq.

Since 1990, on account of the Gulf crisis, and the UN sanctions against Iraq including on its export of oil, Iraq has not made any payments due after that. The subject remains under active mutual consideration of the two Governments so as to facilitate early realisation of India's outstanding dues from Iraq once the UN sanctions are lifted or eased.